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Tribal members take to the polls in Cheyenne and Arapaho country

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Cheyenne and Arapaho registered voters cast their ballots on Oct. 8, 2013 in the Primary Election for the 2014 Governor and Lt. Governor seats, however, the pulling of legislative seat elections left many voters confused.

"I am going to try and explain this in a way that everyone can understand, but the two district candidates that would have been affected if we had proceeded with legislative elections would have been Cheyenne District 2 and Arapaho District 2. AES, a company who was hired to conduct tribal elections in the past had the voter registration database and due to nonpayment of services, they locked the database and when we attempted to pull the list, a gliche in the system occurred, leaving us with names that had no districts applied to them. That is why we published those names in the *Tribal Tribune* and on Facebook, for voters to re-register with current addresses and districts. After mailing of the ballots, literally the day before the election, information was found that would have affected voters for the Cheyenne District 2 and Arapaho District 2 elections and we made the decision to suspend the legislative elections in order to make it a fair race for all the candidates," Michelle Cecilia, Election Commission attorney said via a telephone interview. "We have sat down with the candidates and have explained to them what has happened and we are all working on a solution, agreed by all the legislative candidates on how to proceed with their election. One solution being discussed is to include the legislative Primary Election on the Nov. 5, 2013 General Election ballot for legislators, and if there is a run-off, to conduct a special election specifically just for that run off. I know people are saying Janice Boswell has, 'bought and paid,' for us (Election Commission) but that is just not true. She has had nothing to do with this election and the numbers that came out of the governor race should prove that she hasn't bought and paid for anything. The governor race was conducted fairly and solely by TrueBallot and if any tribal member has a question regarding their ballot that was mailed, they can call the Election Commission and they can have TrueBallot track that person's name and tell them, to the hour and minute, when their ballot was mailed and to what address. They have all this information electronically documented and filed."

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Gloria Bellymule gladly placing her ballot in the ballot box at the Concho Community Center on Oct. 8, 2013.

A mobile election service, TrueBallot, Inc., based out of Bethesda, Maryland was represented at the locations and generated an individual custom ballot for each voter. TrueBallot, Inc. is a team of attorneys, election professionals, and computer engineers who design and run elections for labor unions, associations, public entities, Native American tribal organizations, homeowners associations and cooperatives.

"We administer elections on-site, by mail, by web, and by phone. We provide our clients with the highest level of security, transparency, and audit ability available in the industry," Nick Koumoustseas, TrueBallot, Inc., founder and director of information technology said. "I have over 20 years

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Tribes batten down the hatches for the worse in government shut down

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

With more than 2,800 furloughs within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Oklahoma based tribes prepare themselves for the worse … just how bad will it get is a question with no answer.

"We are setting into motion an emergency plan in case the U.S. Government cannot settle their differences in order to continue to provide services to all our tribal members through our programs," Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Janice PraireChief-Boswell said. "For right now we are still providing services to our tribal members and are okay for the interim, however, if the shut down continues indefinitely, we will be forced to put into action an emergency plan. We are going to do our best, however, to ensure that program services are uninterrupted."

Other tribes within Oklahoma have stated they are currently still offering services to their tribal members in hopes that careful planning and flexibility will sustain them during the government shut down.

Two tribes, who have felt the impact of the congressional stand off are Cherokee Nation and Osage Nation.

Cherokee Nation's mortgage assistance program is currently not able to process Native American Section 184 home loans, however housing programs funded and operated by the Cherokee Nation are "business as usual," Gary Cooper, Cherokee Nation Housing program director stated.

Osage Nation has reduced the services available through its WIC program and though the clinics are still open, no food vouchers are being distributed for the time being and no new infants will be eligible to receive formula through Osage Nation WIC until the federal funds are restored. On average the Osage Nation WIC program serves approximately 700 infants, both Native and non-Native in Osage County and in Bartlesville, Okla.

The BIA has stated they will continue services that are, "necessary to protect life and property, which includes law enforcement, operations of detention centers, social services to protect children and adults, delivery of water and power, firefighting and response to emergency situations."

In a statement released from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), "funding for school operations is forward funded, therefore, BIE activities will continue during the lapse in operations. All BIE funded schools, including Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute will remain open."

Also remaining open at this time are Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla., Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. and BIE schools across Oklahoma during the shutdown.

Annual Tribal Council hears entire agenda

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The annual Tribal Council meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes was held on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin, began roll call at 10 a.m., reaching the mandatory 75-member quorum at 10:09 a.m.

Martin opened the floor for meeting chairperson nominations. Vera Franklin, seconded by Leslie Wandrie-Harjo, nominated Reggie Wassana. Esther Rivers, seconded by Jane Nightwalker, nominated George Old Crow. Louella Old Bear, seconded by Marsha Flying Coyote, nominated Ida Hoffman and Bill Tall Bear was nominated by Margaret Tall Bear, seconded by Karen Little Coyote. Old Crow declined nomination. After the vote Wassana won the position of chairperson with the majority of the votes.

Wassana opened the floor for the position of meeting secretary. Two nominations were accepted, Mary Youngbull and Marie Old Crow. Youngbull won the position of meeting secretary with the majority of votes.

Hoffman made a motion to suspend the Robert Rules of Order, to rearrange the order of agenda items to bring program agenda items to the top of the agenda.

Wassana conducted a vote for Hoffman's motion. The motion failed with a vote of 65 for and 137 opposed.

New business items on the agenda were as follows:

1. Resolution to Select (8) Eight Election Commission Members to Conduct the 2013 General Election, in Accordance with the Constitution.
2. Resolution to Appoint a "Special Judge" to Administer the Oaths of Office for the 2013 Newly Elected Officials.
3. Resolution Authorizing the Election Commission Chairman to Execute Any Contracts Necessary to Conduct the Tribes 2013 Election, in the Event that the Governor Fails To Do So.
4. Resolution to Approve a Contract for a Tribal Council Attorney.
5. Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Renew the Elderly Nutrition Program/Grants to Native Americans Grant for FY 2014-2017.
6. Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Renew the Native American Caregiver Program Grant for FY 2014-2017.
7. Regarding the Executive Power Expressed in Article VII Section 4, (c)

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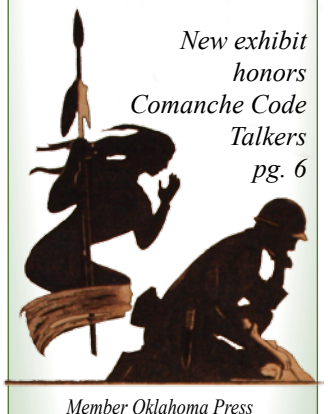

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Meet the Candidate

With the Legislative elections still pending, Cheyenne District 2 candidate, George Woods requested to have his bio/platform published in the Oct. 15, 2013.

The General Election for Governor/Lt. Governor is currently set for Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013.

My name is George Woods; I am a lifelong resident of Cheyenne district two. I am married to Jennifer Woods and I am the father of one 8 year old daughter Ashley. My parents are Robert Woods Sr. and Virginia "Tunie" Redbird Woods, my grandparents are the late George Woods and Myrtle Woods of Kingfisher, Okla., the late Allen Sr, and the late Virginia Redbird. I introduce myself to those of you that do not know me because I want to be your next tribal representative for Cheyenne districts two. I am running for office for that district to represent the Cheyenne people of this area and I need your vote.

It is these traditional values and beliefs that bring me before you; I ask you for your help. I want to change the course of how our tribal government conducts business or lack thereof. We have come to a place where a new direction must intercede to bring back respect, accountability and trust between the tribal government and our people. Our representative must come back to the core foundation that they work for the Cheyenne people of this district. Too long our pleas have fell on deaf ears, too long our tribes have been at odds with each other, too long we have been without viable representation within the halls of our tribal government. Let me be your voice.

We need true economic development, not hair-brained notions of buying $9.4 million websites that bring no revenue to our tribes. We need viable businesses that provide jobs to our tribal members, revenue to our programs and services and not empty promises.

We need accountability and honesty under my leadership I promise that every tribal member will receive a monthly report of where our tribal monies are being spent and how much revenue we receive. This is your money and I will be accountable and provide transparency for those funds. No more secret meetings, inflated, illegal finders fees for special employees, unscrupulous investors and lawyers. I will take my direction from you, my people, as to where you want the money to be spent and how you want the government to be accountable to the people.

We need to put education back as a priority for our children and grandchildren. How can our tribe survive if we cannot insure that our children will receive a good education? My promise will be to always support education endeavors that provide for the betterment of our preschool kids, grade school, and high school and up to our college students. We will never break the cycle of poverty if we cannot equip our children with a good sound education that will lead to financial stability and high self-esteem. We can no longer squabble over whether we will fund education, we have to ask ourselves, "how much can we give" to insure our children will survive and succeed in this world.

Keep our traditional values and old ways, by taking care of our tribal elders. I was taught first and foremost; take care of those who need you most, our children and our elders. I promise to find innovative ways to assist our tribal elders with services that will enhance their health and well being. All tribal elders will be treated as equals, whether in state or out of state, in the service area, or out of the service area. I think of all the elders "my grandparents or parents" I've learned many things from our elders. They are our first teachers. I take those lessons to heart and the first and foremost lesson "take care of your people, we are Cheyenne and that is our way".

I feel that I am the best candidate for this district as

I am a lifelong resident of my home in the Kingfisher-EL Reno area. I grew up with my people in this area and have learned invaluable life lessons form my family, tribal elders and our traditional leaders. I only mention this for those who do not know my background, I have been bestowed the honor to serve as one of the appointed Tribal Chiefs of the Cheyenne tribe I deeply embrace my rational beliefs and have instilled those values within my life and my family.

These are the most important items to me; I come with the idealism of getting back to our basic values of respect, honesty, accountability and unity. My name is George Woods; I want to be your next representative for Cheyenne District 2.

Vote George Woods and you are voting for a positive in our tribal government.

Courtesy photo

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal members Irene Hamilton and William Tall Bear Sr., were among 50 people recently honored at the 5th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. (l-r): AARP Oklahoma State Director Sean Voskuhl, Irene D. Hamilton, William Tall Bear Sr., and AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn.

AARP honors Oklahoma Indian elders at fourth annual event

By Craig Davis

An 88-year-old Muscogee Creek who is a foster grandparent, the oldest living U.S. veteran of the Kaw Nation and a historical preservationist who consulted on the film, *Dances with Wolves*, a master bead work artist and elder member of the Buddy Bond Color Guard were among 50 people recognized recently at the 5th annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors.

Irene D. Hamilton, Cheyenne, is a master bead work artist. Hamilton is a full-blood Cheyenne who was born in Colony, Okla. After the untimely deaths of her parents and older sister, Irene started raising her younger brother, Ralph, who was an infant, when she was 14. Eventually she went to Medical Technology School and Physician Assistant School in Phoenix, Ariz. and became a Public Health Service Officer.

William Tall Bear Sr., Cheyenne, Arapaho is known for his kind and caring spirit. Tall Bear demonstrates love for his fellow man by regularly checking on tribal elders who are homebound or in nursing homes and driving elders to their medical appointments. He attended Concho Boarding School until he was 17 years old before joining the U.S. Marines Corp where he served two tours of duty in Korea and was honorably discharged. Afterward, he was part of the Relocation Program where he and his wife were sent to California, where he attended trade school and became a welder. He is part of the Buddy Bond Color Guard that carries flags at events throughout Oklahoma.

AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons said this event, which has grown into the largest celebration of older Native Americans in the state, is a tribute to the venerated position of honor and respect tribal nations give to their elders.

"Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in tonight's honorees, the common bond they share, respect, dignity and service to their fellow man," she said. "Tonight, we add these names to the distinguished list of past honorees. We say 'thank you' and we give thanks for the ways they have touched so many lives in their families, communities and in our state."

In the past five years, AARP has honored 250 Indian Elders from all 39-federally recognized tribes and nations headquartered in Oklahoma, she said.

Other honorees this year included spiritual and cultural leaders, a world-record powerlifting champion, dancers, veterans and a nationally known chef who creates healthy recipes inspired by indigenous foods.

AARP State Director Sean Voskuhl, who emceed the event, says the Indian Elder Honors is the cornerstone of the association's on-going work with Native Americans in the state. Among other projects he highlighted included, a comprehensive survey of the needs and wants of Native Americans in Oklahoma, healthy cooking seminars, food security programs and health care law education for Native Americans.

"AARP's vision of a society in which all people live with dignity and purpose is also the Indian way," he said. "We are excited about how we can continue working to make that vision a reality in Oklahoma Indian Country as we continue to build relationships."

Michael E. Bird, a member of the AARP National Policy Council, delivered the keynote address. Bird, a Santo Domingo-San Juan Pueblo Indian from New Mexico, was the first American Indian to serve as President of the American Public Health Association.

"These elders will leave an indelible impact on their tribes, their families and their communities for many years to come," he said. "They have our respect and our gratitude for the ways they have helped keep and pass on our tribal traditions and way of life."

AARP Executive Council member Dr. John Edwards, former Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, was among those who spoke about AARP Oklahoma's Inter-Tribal Community Group. The community group, which is open to all 50+ Native Americans in Oklahoma, is working on cultural, health and transportation issues that affect Indian Country.

To find more information or to join this group, e-mail ok@aarp.org or call (866) 295-7277.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment and income security, retirement planning, affordable utilities and protection from financial abuse.

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Idle No More takes a stand on the steps of Oklahoma's Capitol

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

"We must do more … idle no more"

That was the strong message delivered to people who gathered at an Idle No More rally outside the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City on Oct. 7, 2013.

The international awareness group Idol No More, called for Oct. 7 to be a day of action. Rallies were being held in Italy, the United States and Canada to express concerns about issues that are happening in Native communities.

"The topics will be broad depending on the area and what the concerns are. Today we will be talking about Domestic Violence and Indian Child Welfare Act how we are addressing them or not addressing them within our community and our government, what we can do to help the problems and make ourselves aware of how to take positive action for change," Sarah Adams Cornell, Choctaw, and member of Idle No More, Central Oklahoma said.

Cornell said that the group does not affiliate themselves with any tribe.

"We are only an awareness group," Cornell said.

She said it is about education.

"Oklahoma went from being ranked 17th to third of having the highest rates of domestic violence within the past two years," Cornell said. "So that is an epidemic in itself. This is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. That is such a huge jump."

Throughout the years statistics have shown that Native American women are two times more likely to be a victim of domestic violence.

"We can't be silent about it and we can't stand by and let this happen, we have to step out there and say, this is not just a family issue," Cornell chanted. "We have to have more responsibility for our women."

Cornell got involved with Idle No More over a year ago because she said it is a positive movement for Native Americans all over the world.

The Violence against Women Act (VAWA) is a Federal law as of Sept. 14, 1984 signed by former President Bill Clinton. The act provides $1.6 billon towards investigation and prosecution in violent crimes against women, sexual assault, violence against men and stalking. The VAWA was reauthorized by congress in 2000 and again in December 2005. In March 2013 President Barrack Obama reauthorized the law.

Prior to March 7, 2013 when President Obama reauthorized the law it had loop holes that did not protect Native women.

"Native women who lived on tribal lands that were sexually or physically assaulted by someone who did not reside on tribal lands could not be prosecuted in the tribal courts," Cornell said. "Today we have a huge victory. President Obama signed a law that a person not residing on tribal land could be prosecuted in tribal courts."

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Beverly Isaac, concerned grandmother holds a sign for the Indian Child Welfare Act with photos of her grandchildren on it.

Cornell read aloud a list of names of Oklahoma senators and congressmen who voted against the reauthorization of the VAWA.

"Senator Jim Inhofe, Senator Tom Colburn, Congressman Jim Bridenstine, Congressman Mark Wayne Mullen, Congressman Frank Lucas and Congressman James Lankford the only representative that voted for this act was Congressman Tom Cole," Cornell stated.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law that seeks to keep American Indian children with American Indian families. Congress passed ICWA in 1978 in response to the alarmingly high number of Indian children being removed from their homes by both public and private agencies. The intent of Congress under ICWA was to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families.

"ICWA sets federal requirements that apply to state child custody proceedings involving an Indian child who is a member of or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe," Peggy Big Eagle, Sac and Fox, retired attorney and member of Idle No More said. "The ICWA empowers tribes to do that because of culture, not because of race, its not about being biologically Indian, it is irrelevant of what percentage of Indian blood one child is."

Big Eagle said that ICWA is an integral policy framework on which tribal child welfare programs rely on and that it provides a structure for how public and private child welfare agencies and state courts view and conduct their work to serve tribal children and families.

"It also acknowledges and promotes the role that tribal governments play in supporting tribal families, both on and off tribal lands. However, as is the case with many laws, proper implementation of ICWA requires vigilance, resources, and advocacy." Big Eagle said.

For more information about how to get involved with Idle No More, visit www.idlenomore.org.

Clinton playground committee set dates for new playground in Clinton, Okla.

Submitted article

The Clinton Playground Committee would like to update tribal members on the Clinton Playground project.

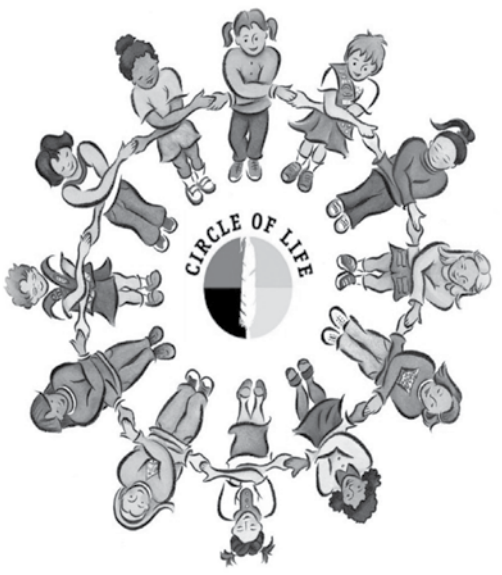
We have raised enough funds and have purchased the equipment totaling $22, 264.

After we purchased the equipment and met with the equipment representative, we found out we needed additional concrete. Angela Blind, Transportation Director, who has been supporting and working with the committee, stepped up to the plate to help out.

The Tribal Transportation Program is purchasing the concrete, four benches, and a BBQ grill for the playground site under the Special Project activities. Thank you

The playground site is directly north of the Clinton Community Center, which will be a 60 ft. x 70 ft. area.

Housing and the Tribal Youth Program has a Memorandum of Understanding between the programs for our tribal youth to help the installation. Thank you Kathleen Tall Bear, Outreach Director and Melissa Hamilton, TYP Outreach Counselor for getting this approved.



The equipment representative will be inspecting the installation to insure safety is met. We will be feeding the volunteers, and will have refreshments throughout the day for our hard working volunteers. We will have a grand opening soon after everything has been installed, and will announce the day and time at a later date.

We have set several dates to get the installation process going, Oct 18, ground breaking and will dig supporting pole footings 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (need volunteers).

Oct 25-26, put together all playground equipment 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (need volunteers).

Oct 31, deadline to finish project.

The committee would like to say thank you to these major contributors that helped us to reach our fundraising goal to purchase the equipment. We began raising funds back in 2010 with our dedicated committee. The Clinton Playground Committee, $5,000, Clinton Lucky Star Casino has donated $5,000, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tax Commission has donated $12,264 and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Roads Program has donated $2,232.

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Gay couple seeks same right to marry as non-gay couples

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Jason Pickel (l) and Darren Black Bear have applied for a marriage license through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts. They will be the second same-sex couple to legally get married within the borders of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in Concho, Okla.

"We go to work, just like you do, we go to college, just like you do, we eat and breathe, just like you do, we want to be married, just like everyone else does who are in love."

Jason Pickel sees marrying the love of his life, Darren Black Bear, as simple as that.

"We want to be together, we want to be married," Jason said over the telephone.

And that is what they are doing.

Jason and Darren have applied for their marriage license at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courthouse in Concho, Okla.

The state of Oklahoma does not allow for same-sex marriages, however, on Sovereign Indian land, state laws do not apply … federal laws do, and the federal government has taken the stand to recognize same-sex marriages within the United States.

Recently Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin ordered the National Guard to stop processing requests for military benefits for same-sex couples, despite a Pentagon directive to do so. Their stance, according to Fallin's spokesman, Alex Weintz is, "same-sex couples who have been legally married in other states will be advised they can apply for benefits on federal facilities, such as Tinker Air Force Base, rather than state run facilities."

But what about non-military gay couples? According to the law, Jason and Darren will be able to file a federal tax return as a married couple, however on their state returns they are mandated to file single. As far as state benefits, there will be none as a married couple.

Jason and Darren have been together for over nine years. They first met in Ft. Payne, Ala. at a Christmas party hosted by Darren's brother.

"Darren's brother managed the store that I worked at … I had briefly met him before at the store, but I met him at the Christmas party. We started seeing each other probably two days after that," Jason said.

Darren said he was intrigued by Jason when they first met, "and he started talking to me and conversing. He told me some things about himself and we talked late into the night. I had taken my sister-in-law Christmas shopping earlier that day in Chattanooga and she told me they were having this Christmas party and asked me if I wanted to come in. So I said sure, so it was just fate because I wasn't even really supposed to be there, I just sort of crashed the party and that was nine years ago."

Both Jason and Darren have grown up knowing they were gay from an early age.

Jason said he believes he has known he had an interest in the same sex from the time he was about 5 years old, but he also dated girls for a long time and considered himself to be bi-sexual, until falling in love with Darren.

"I think my mom, she kind of always knew, it was just never spoken out loud. She is very liberal and we were raised pretty open. She had gay and lesbian friends and it was just a part of our lives, nothing out of the ordinary. I was probably around 21 when I actually told my whole family," Jason said. "I had inadvertently ended up marching in Tampa, Florida's first gay rights parade and ended up on the news. I had gone as a spectator and I knew some people there and they said, 'hey come with us on our float,' and I was on the news, so my dad's co-worker pointed me out on the news to my dad. My dad was like, 'oh, whatever.' They just don't care, they are very liberal, accepting and loving. I come from a deeply Christian background and everyone was very accepting of me … I have at least six gay or lesbian relatives and no one has ever put me down in my family and have always been very supportive. They have welcomed Darren into our family and treat him just like he has always been there."

Jason said he had some issues with bullying in high school, but not as much as other people because of his parent's social standing and he wasn't as "flamboyantly gay as some people were."

"I did have girlfriends so that helped a lot. But I was probably called faggot at least ten times a day or better. I was never assaulted physically, just verbally. There was this funny story that happened one time when I was in the 10th grade when we had moved to Florida. It was over Christmas break and my family and I had gone on vacation and when we got back from vacation and the holiday and I went back to school someone came up to me, that didn't know who I was, and said, 'did you hear about Jason Pickel?' I said, 'no what about him?' This person said, 'well he announced that he was gay at assembly right before Christmas break. "I said wow, that's amazing … well nice to meet you my name is Jason Pickel and right before Christmas break me and my family were on a ski trip so I wasn't at the rally, so I don't know where you got your information from. I threw that person for a loop and they never spoke to me again the entire time I went to high school. I was dating one of the popular

*See **Gay couple**, continued on next page*

Red Earth Festival announces 2014 date at Remington Park

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. – The $100 million Remington Park, transformed into one of America's top horseracing facilities, is the site of the 2014 Red Earth Festival schedule June 5-7 in northeast Oklahoma City's Adventure District. Hundreds of American Indian artists, dancers, and performers will participate in the 28th annual event. Each year the Red Earth Festival draws thousands of people from throughout the nation who gather to celebrate the richness and diversity of Oklahoma's tribal cultures.

Red Earth includes a juried art market featuring many of America's most celebrated artists, Native American dance, live music performances, children's activities and food booths. A jewelry fashion show and culinary demonstrations are new to the event schedule for 2014.

"We couldn't be more pleased about conducting the Red Earth Festival at Remington Park," said Janet Dyke, board president of the nonprofit Red Earth, Inc. "Our new venue is a beautiful property with exceptional landscaping and easy access from both I-35 and I-44. We will be able to provide our guests with 6,000 free parking spaces along with free valet parking."

Global Gaming Solutions, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation, owns Remington Park. Since purchasing the park in 2010, Global Gaming Solutions and the Chickasaw Nation have spent more than $35 million to update and beautify the facility. The most recent addition to Remington Park is the 12-foot bronze monumental sculpture entitled "Chickasaw Rider on Horse" by acclaimed Seminole sculptor Enoch Kelly Haney.

During the past 27 years Red Earth has grown into one of the most respected visual and performing arts events of its type – setting the standard for many of today's American Indian art shows held throughout the nation.

USA TODAY has named the Red Earth Festival one of 10 Great Places to Celebrate American Indian Culture. The Festival has been named Oklahoma's Outstanding Event by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, a Top 100 Event in North America by the American Bus Association, and Central Oklahoma's Outstanding Cultural Tourism Event by Frontier Country Marketing Association.

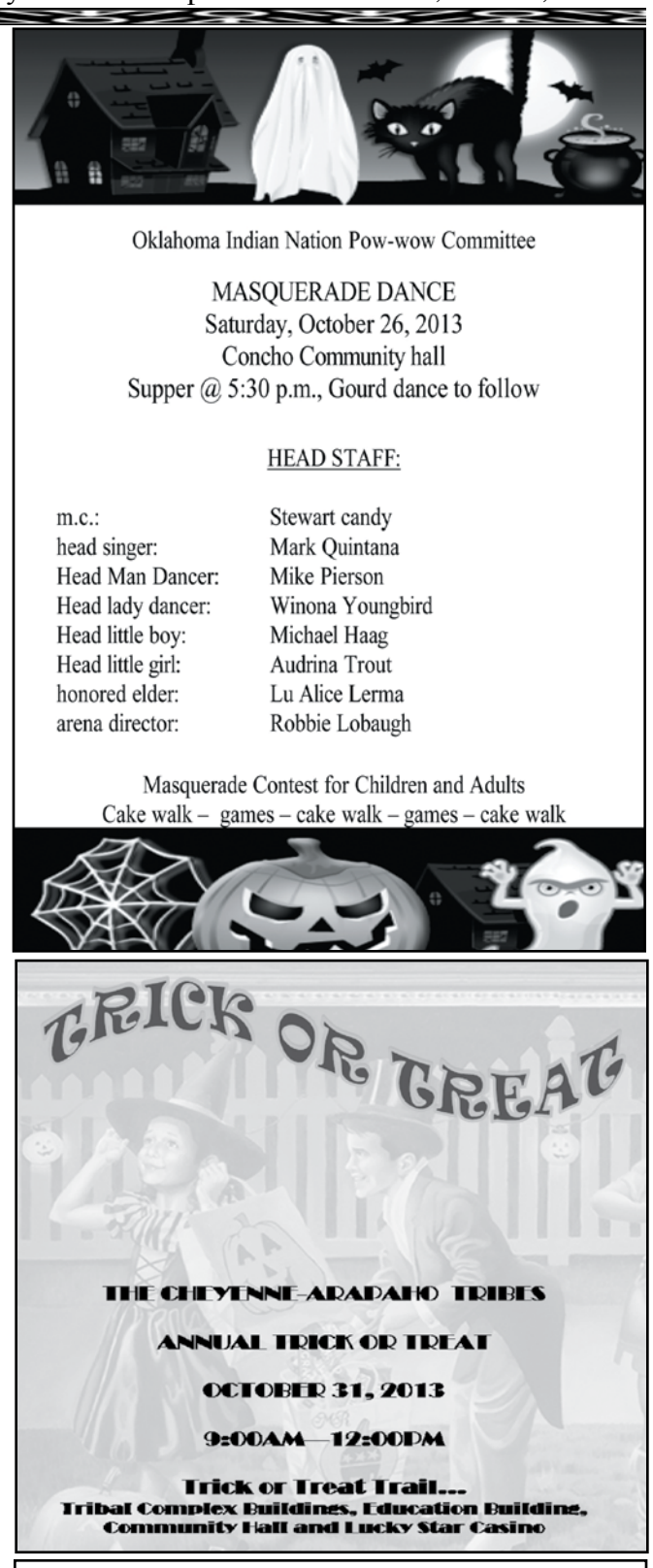
To celebrate the Red Earth Festival, a parade featuring hundreds of entries will again fill the streets of downtown Oklahoma City. A procession entries representing nearly 100 nations, bands and tribes with men, women and children in full tribal regalia will parade the streets making the Red Earth Parade one of America's most unique

The Red Earth Art Market opens on Thursday with new evening hours from 6-10 pm featuring a special Awards Ceremony and an opening preview of the Art Market. The Festival continues Friday and Saturday from 10-7 pm.

"We are excited about the Festival this year," said Dyke. "A 30 foot by 60 foot outdoor video board and hundreds of television monitors will capture every moment of the Festival so our guests will be able to witness every event and performance no matter where they are in the building."

Red Earth, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 with a mission to promote the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through education, a premier festival, a museum and fine art markets. The Red Earth Museum is open free to the public Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointment at 6 Santa Fe Plaza next to the historic Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

The Red Earth Festival is funded in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, Allied Arts, Osage Nation Foundation, Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. To learn more visit www.redearth.org.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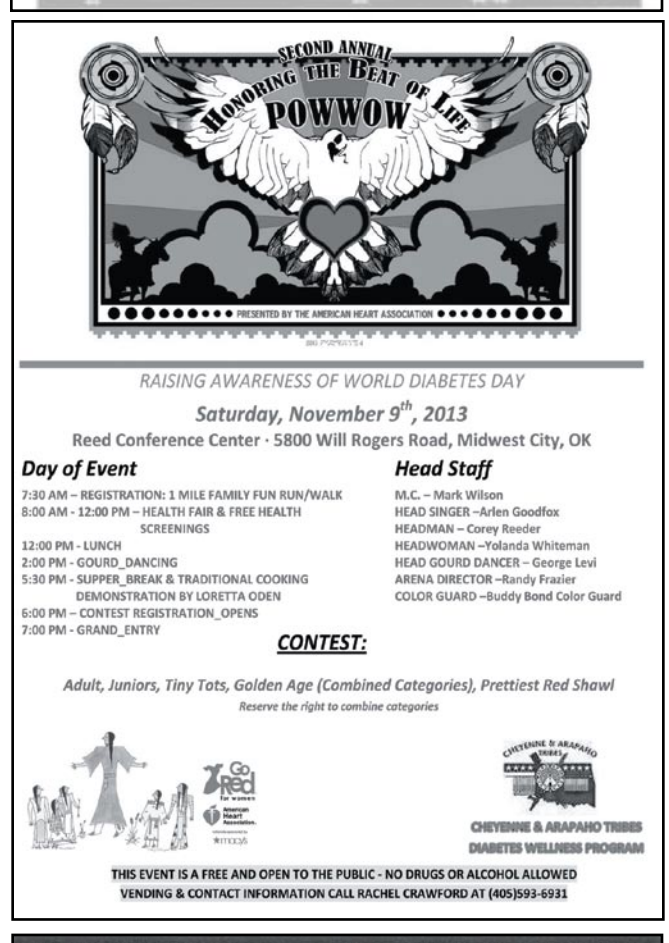
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HEAD GOURD DANCER – George Levi
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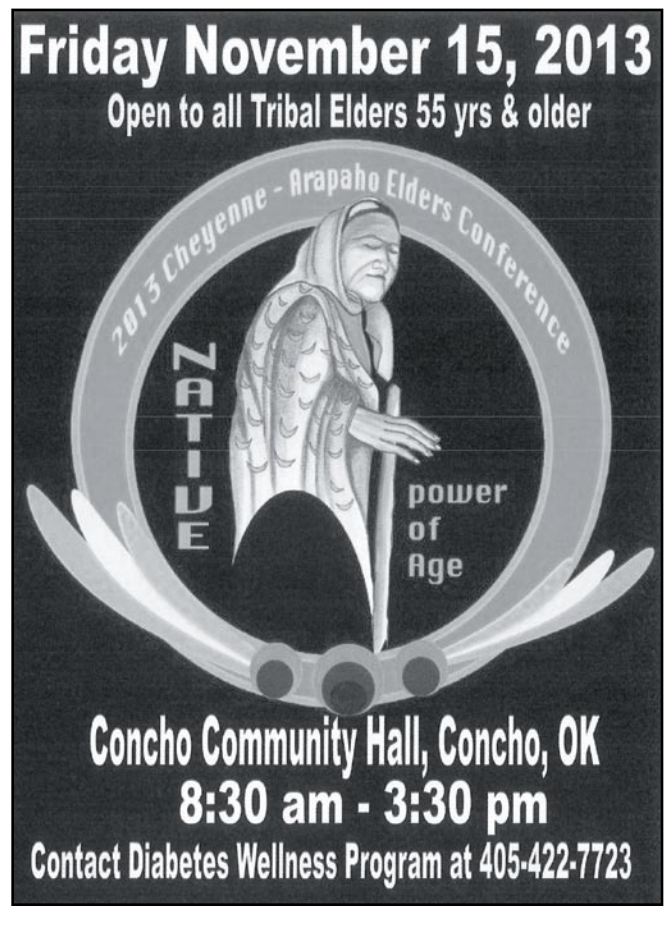
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Primary election

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experience and I have co-designed and developed all of the TrueBallot voting systems."

He oversees the technical aspects of each election.

According to TrueBallots' Website the company always uses computer technology, and always works with live data, and that the system is used in a combination without affecting the integrity of the election process. The company generates a single ballot for each voter and there is no need to generate spare ballots, thus removing security concern.

Alicia Learned a resident of El Reno said that it meant a lot to her to have her vote count.

"I think that it is important for our community and tribal members to come out and vote for somebody that will do a good job for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people," Learned said.

The 2013 Primary election candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor were, Roberta Hamilton for governor and running mate Jerry Levi for Lt. Governor, Rollin "Eddie" Hamilton, for Governor and running mate Cornell Sankey for Lt. Governor and Janice Boswell, for Governor and running mate Connie Hart-Yellowman for Lt. Governor.

Robert White Eagle traveled over 30 miles to cast his vote.

"We need the right person to represent the people that is why I came out to place my vote," White Eagle said.

Preliminary numbers posted for the Governor/Lt. Governor race were as follows:

Rollin "Eddie" Hamilton/ Cornell Sankey-402

Roberta "Bobbie" Hamilton/ Jerry Levi-376

Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell/ Connie Yellowman-267.

As of press time, challenges to the legislative election process had been filed for the election commission to be heard at a public hearing on Oct. 11 in Concho, Okla.

According to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution the election commission has 48 hours to render a decision on the validity of the challenges.

Nick Koumoutseas, TrueBallot, Inc. founder and director of information technology assists tribal voter Virgil Franklin on Oct. 8 in Concho, Okla.

Gay couple

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girls in school at the time so for all intense purposes I think everyone was thoroughly confused. Even my family was confused because right before I met Darren I was with a woman for almost a year living together."

Darren said he also thought his parents already knew, but it took them awhile to deal with the concept and getting over the fact that they were not going to have grandchildren.

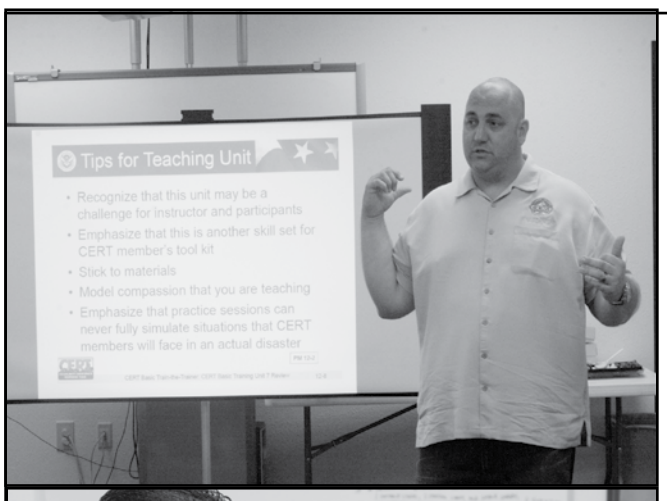
"I think I have always known, ever since way back in grade school that I was attracted to boys. I never really found girls attractive, though I found them to be funny and had fun hanging out with them, but I wasn't drawn to them. It took me a little while to figure out I was gay and if finally hit me when my first crush was on another boy in the, I guess, about fourth or fifth grade. Somewhere around there," Darren said. "I think I was about 21 years old too when I first came out to my best friend at work. I finally had the courage to just blurt it out to her at work. She didn't treat me any different, I think she already knew too and was just waiting for me to tell her and it's the same way withy my parents. I think they always just kind of knew. With my mother, I finally got tired of hiding it from her so I drove her down to Oklahoma City to the gay bars one night and told her this is where I like to come and hang out on the weekends. Se we went it and everybody was real nice to her that were working the doors at the club and were really friendly towards her."

For Darren's dad, it took him a little while for their relationship to be back "on track."

"It took a lot of growing on my part. He mellowed out as he got older, we forgave one another and started a new relationship and today we have a really strong relationship … I love and respect my dad. I didn't always back then, but you know I was a kid and was mouthy."

Despite the obstacles Jason and Darren have walked through, they have vowed to love, honor and cherish each other and they will continue to fight for the rights of all gay couples to be able to take the wedding vows that they themselves said on Oct. 10.

Jason and Darren will be hosting a wedding ceremony at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Everyone is invited to attend, but are asked to R.S.V.P. by phone, text or email to (405) 669-0034 or jasonpickel77@gmail.com. The couple is registered at Sears, Macy's Wal-Mart and Target.


Tips for Teaching Unit
Recognize that this unit may be a challenge for instructor and participants
Emphasize that this is another skill set for CERT member's tool kit
Stick to materials
Model compassion that you are teaching
Emphasize that practice sessions can never fully simulate situations that CERT members will face in an actual disaster

Community Emergency Response Team Training

On Oct. 4, 2013 the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program of Oklahoma educated the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the tribes' areas and trained them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

After training in the classroom and during exercises, the employees become CERT members and can assist others in the tribes' communities and workplace.

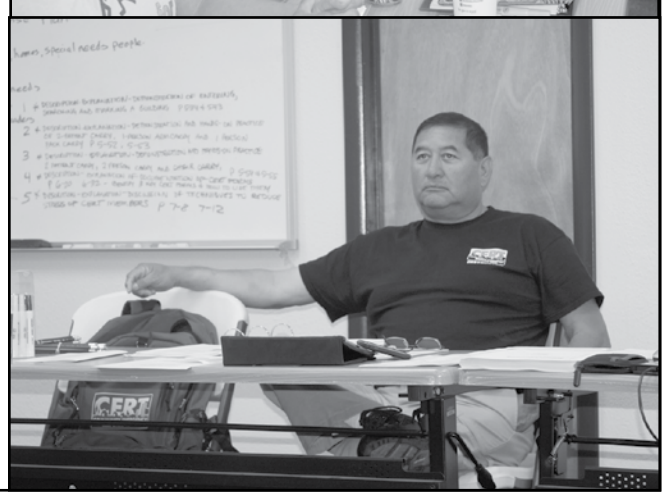
CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects within the tribes community.

Top left: Jake Heflin is one of the instructors for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on Oct. 4.

Bottom left: Tribal member, Greg Spottedbird is training to become CERT certified.

Top right: Some of the tribal employees who graduated the CERT training class include Anita Hoffman, Jewel Pedro, Marcus Gaines and Robert Randall.

Bottom right: Ken Tiller, also an instructor for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.



No Bake
Butter Pumpkin Pie
Cooking with USDA Foods

Pumpkin butter and cream cheese make up the filling for this quick and easy no bake pie.

Ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 jar pumpkin butter, 9 to 12 ounces
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups whipped topping, thawed, and more for serving
Prepared graham cracker crust

Preparation:

Beat cream cheese, pumpkin butter, brown sugar, and cinnamon on medium speed of electric mixer until smooth and well blended, scraping the bowl occasionally. Fold in the 2 cups of whipped topping. Spoon into the prepared graham cracker crust and spread to smooth the top. Refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CHILD & ADULT FOOD PROGRAM

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Child Development Program announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

All participants in attendance are served meals, at no extra charge to the parents and without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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This statement applies to the centers listed as Concho Child Development Center in Concho, Okla., and Clinton Child Development Center located in Clinton, Okla.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

American Indian Institute's Indian Education Summit

Oct. 21-23, 2013 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla. For more information visit www.Aii.ou.edu or contact Ann Barnes at (405) 325-4127.

Reservation Road Construction

Oct. 21-22, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development RES Conference

Oct. 22-24, 2013 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Ariz. For more information visit www.ncaied.org.

Native American Construction and Real Estate Development Conference-Maximize Your Land's Potential

Oct. 24-25, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 16th annual National Tribal Transportation Conference

Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 2013 at the Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

The National Indian Eduction Aassociation's 44th annual Conference

Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 2013 in Rapid City, S.D. More details to be released. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Tribal Interior Budget Council Meeting

Nov. 7-8 2013 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington D.C. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Tribal Financial Management Symposium

Nov. 18-19, 2013 at the La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Education in Indian Country Conference

Dec. 9-10, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

National Indian Board Members Summit

Dec. 11-13, 2013 at the Westin Las Vegas hotel in Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Coutry's Supervision and Management Summit

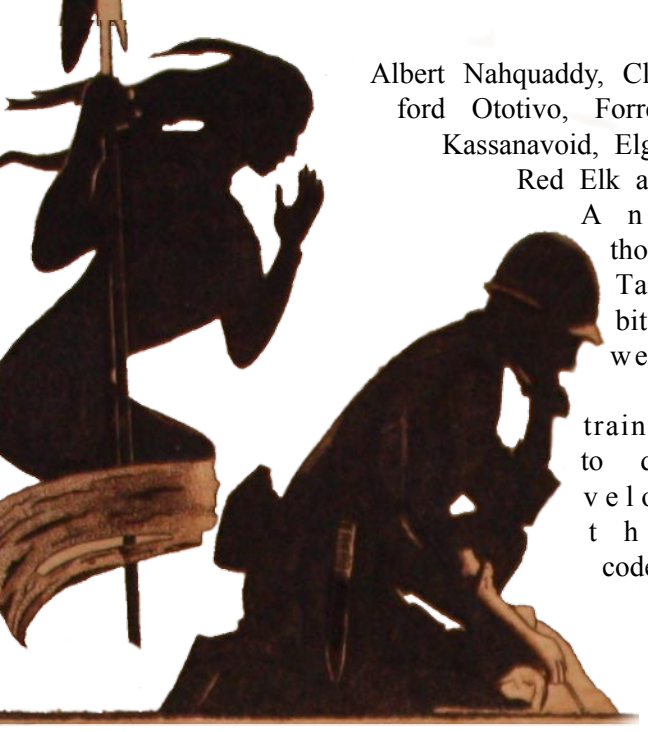
Dec. 11-13, 2013 at the Westin Las Vegas hotel in Las Vegas, NV. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The fourth annual Native American Human Resources Conference

Jan. 26-27, 2014 at the Penchange Casino Resort in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

New exhibit honors Comanche Code Talkers

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



Rare items such as an Army field telephone, personal photos, military uniforms and an interactive state of the art video of the Comanche Code Talkers are some of the items on display in the new exhibit honoring 17 members of the Comanche Nation who used their language as a code during War World II.

The opening of the exhibit and a ceremony was held on Sept. 26, 2013 at the Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center in Lawton, Okla. The exhibit will remain open through Aug. 31, 2014 to pay tribute to the heroic contributions of the brave men.

"A lot of people didn't realize our Comanche's were code talkers. You know why? They pledged secrecy," Wallace Coffey, Comanche Nation, chairman said. "Now they're finally getting recognized."

Seventeen adolescent men, Roderick "Dick" Red Elk, Simmons Parker, Larry Saupitty, Melvin Permansu, Willie Yackeschi, Charles Chibitty, Willington Mihecoby, Morris Sunrise, Perry Noyebad, Ralph Wahnee, Haddon Codynah, Robert Holder, Albert Nahquaddy, Clifford Ototivo, Forrest Kassanavoid, Elgin Red Elk and Anthony Tabbitite were trained to develop the code.

All the men have since died. Charles Chibitty, the last Comanche code talker, passed away in 2005.

"I am very proud to be here and be a part of this day and the exhibit is beautiful. It was never mentioned at anytime that my husband and the others were going to be trained to be code talkers. The men were sworn to secrecy, they could not tell anybody," Bessie Wahnee, the wife and widow of Ralph Wahnee, said. "Even when the men came home from over seas … we all ran around together and code talking was never mentioned."

Bessie said it was not until the 1970's that she learned of the plus 30-year-old secret her husband kept.

"Ralph received a letter one day from France wanting to honor him and the other men," Bessie said. "I remember asking him what was a code talker and what did they do. Ralph said to me that he used his language for code so that Germans or Japanese could not decipherer what the U.S. Army was saying."

Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi, executive director of the Comanche National Museum and grand niece of two of the code talkers, Charles Chibitty and Larry Saupitty said during the ceremony the 17 men underwent training at Ft. Benning in Georgia.

"Fourteen of the men went overseas to participate in World War II and of those, 13 landed at Utah Beach with Allied troops on D-Day," Wahahrockah-Tasi said. "Sixteen of the 17 men recruited attended military-style boarding schools before they were recruited for the mission and were trained not to use the Comanche language. It's ironic, that they were recruited to develop a code using a language that they were disciplined for speaking while at school."

She added that the Comanche language was selected because it was unique and distinct.

"Most importantly, it wasn't written down," Wahahrockah-Tasi said.

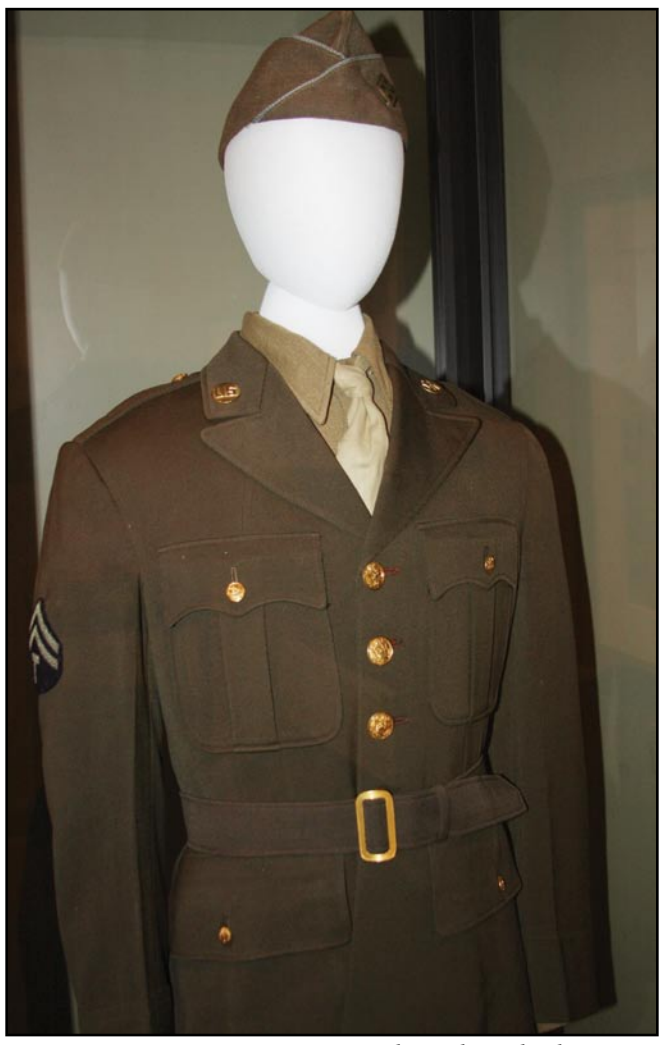
Guest speaker LTC Hugh F. Foster III, U.S. Army retired son of MG Hugh F. Foster Jr. spoke of his father's part as he was assigned to the 4th Signal Company, 4th Infantry Division stationed a Ft. Benning when he worrked with the platoon of Comanche Indians to develop a voice code based on their tribal language.

"The Comanche language doesn't have words for some of the words that the soldiers needed to use, so they had to create descriptions, making it almost a code within a code, Foster said. "For example, bomber became pregnant airplane and machine gun was sewing machine."

After Foster spoke, the audience watched a never seen before video of images depicting Larry Saupitty's diary that he had written and kept during his time overseas on a large screen.

In the exhibit there are the honorable discharge papers for Larry Saupitty and Roderick Red Elk displayed along with other personal memorabilia. A short video that allows visitors the opportunity to experience what it was like for the men that were at Normandy's Utah Beach just as the Comanche Code Talkers did on D-Day. Two flags are also on display, one is of the Baltic Cross captured by Saupitty. The second is a Nazi German flag with the swastika captured by Chibitty.

For more information about the new exhibit visit the Comanche Nation Museum's Website www.comanchemuseum.com.



Photos by Rebecka Lyman

One of the items on display at the Comanche Nation Museum is a World War II Army uniform worn by one of the Comanche Code Talkers.

Photo courtesy of Barbara and Kenneth Goodin

Comanche Code Talkers of World War II photo on display at the Comanche Nation Musuem.

Front Row, l-r: Roderick "Dick" Red Elk, Simmons Parker, Larry Saupitty, Melvin Permansu, Willie Yackeschi, Charles Chibitty and Willington Mihecoby. Back Row, l-r: Morris Sunrise, Perry Noyebad, Ralph Wahnee, Haddon Codynah, Robert Holder, Albert Nahquaddy, Clifford Ototivo and Forrest Kassanavoid. Not pictured: Elgin Red Elk and Anthony Tabbitite.

Dusten Brown, Cherokee Nation say 'Baby Veronica' custody battle over

TULSA — Dusten Brown and the Cherokee Nation announced the four-year custody battle for baby Veronica is over Thursday.

Veronica, who's now four, is currently with her adoptive parents, Matt and Melanie Capobianco, and that appears to be where she will stay.

On Oct. 10, 2013 her biological father Dusten Brown and the Cherokee Nation announced during an emotional press conference, "it's over" and this decision is in the best interest of baby Veronica.

"During this four year fight to raise my daughter I had to make many difficult decisions," Brown said. "Decisions no father should have to make."

Cherokee Nation Assistant Attorney General, Chrissi Nimmo, said, "As of today, Dusten Brown and the Cherokee Nation have jointly moved to dismiss all pending litigation in Oklahoma and Cherokee courts."

It's a decision they believe will allow everyone to move forward, but Brown and the Cherokee Nation are still facing contempt of court and felony complaint charges in South Carolina.

Nimmo pleaded with South Carolina courts and the Capobiancos, saying listen to your heart and drop the charges.

"Dusten is here today letting go of the past and asking to move forward," Nimmo said. "He cannot do that and you cannot do that with continued litigation."

Local adoption attorney Jim Ikard said these battles usually end because tribe officials realize they don't have a chance at winning and if the past four years have any lasting effects on baby Veronica, he claims it's her father's doing.

"Why go on if you're going to lose time after time after time," Ikard said. "It's not going to be easy, but it`s not going to be easy because of the actions taken by the Cherokee Nation and the Browns.

Those actions Dusten Brown says were always to remind Veronica of her Cherokee heritage.

"You will always be my little girl, my princess and I will always love you," Brown said. "Never ever for one second doubt how much I love you, how hard I fought for you or how much you mean to me."

Brown and the Cherokee Nation have also asked the Capobiancos to let them help educate baby Veronica about her Cherokee heritage as much as possible.

We've reached out to a family spokesperson for the Capobiancos today for a comment on Brown's decision. We haven't yet heard back.

Building economic prosperity through Native American tourism

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Sept. 22-26, 2013 the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) hosted over 150 attendees at their 15th annual American Indian Tourism conference at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, Okla.

AIANTA is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit association of American Indian tribes and tribal tourism created in 2002 to advance Indian Country tourism.

"AIANTA is about introducing Indian Country to the world through tourism, promoting your tribes and to bring tourism to your tribal destinations," Camille Ferguson, AIANTA executive director said. "I am proud to be a part of this national nonprofit organization that

Courtesy photo

James Surveyor, a member of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona and the Marketing and Special Events Manager of the Moenkopi Legacy Inn and Suites.

is making a profound difference in economic development through cultural heritage tourism for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians across the U.S."

AIANTA's states its purpose is to provide constituents with the voice and tools needed to advance tourism while helping tribes, tribal organizations and tribal members create infrastructure and capacity through technical assistance, training and educational resources. AIANTA serves as the liaison among Indian Country governmental, educational and private entities for the development, growth and sustenance of Indian Country tourism.

"Planning is the key to take your tourism into the international markets. People in other countries are fascinated by Native American culture and want to learn more about us. We can provide them with accurate history, culture and traditions by promoting our tribes and all they have to offer," Ferguson said.

Ferguson accepted the position as AIANTA executive director in January 2013. She is Tlingit from the Kiksadi Clan and a member of the Sitka tribe of Alaska. She served as her tribes' economic development director for 15 years, where she established, expanded and managed the tribes' Tourism Department, Transportation Department, Gaming Department, Tribal Tannery and Community House Convention Facility. She also served as the president of the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau where she raised hotel bed tax revenue by 48 percent.

AIANTA partners with the National Park Services (NPS), Smithsonian's National Museum and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to help preserve and have recognized American Indian history as an integral part of American History. As part of that commitment, Ferguson said the NPS has made a commitment to include American Indian voices in the 150th anniversary commemoration of America's Civil by producing a book entitled, American Indians and the Civil War. The book documents stories expressing how this period of American history impacted American Indians and the roles they played in the civil war.

"This initiative is unprecedented and has led to many other exciting partnership opportunities that will be revealed in the near future," Ferguson said.

Also during their annual conference new board members were elected for the upcoming year.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

American Indian, Alaska Natives Tourism Association (AIANTA) Executive Director, Camille Ferguson welcomes tribal nations, tourism representatives and guests to the 15th annual AIANTA Tourism conference in Tulsa, Okla.

Native American fashion designers preview some of their designs during the AIANTA tourism conference. Native American fashions are quickly becoming hot items in the fashion industry.

James Surveyor, a member of the Hopi tribe of Arizona and the Marketing and Special Events Manager of the Moenkopi Legacy Inn and Suites participated in this year's conference and was elected to serve as a member of the AIANTA Board of Directors.

"I want to express my appreciation to be able to serve on the board of such a prestigious organization. I hope that my contributions will support the mission of AIANTA to introduce Native cultures to the world and, in so doing, create a better economic future for all of our Native communitie," Surveyor said.

Surveyor is also Cheyenne, whose uncle Harvey Surveyor is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and works in the IT Department in Concho, Okla.

Among the many workshops, breakout sessions and receptions, the AIANTA hosted their first Indigenous Fashion show with fashion designers Margaret Roach Wheeler, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Tonia Hogner-Weavel, Cherokee, and Lisa Rutherford, Cherokee.

For more information about AIANTA visit www.aianta.org or call (505) 724-

Mammography clinic to be held in Watonga

The Oklahoma Breast Care Center will bring their Mobile Digital Mammography Screening Program to the Watonga Indian Health Center from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 in Watonga, Okla.

The Mammogram Van is just as safe and private as coming to a center offering these services. The van is completely self-contained, offering patients a warm and comfortable environment with private dressing rooms. All mammograms are performed by trained and certified female technologists using state-of-the-art equipment, FDA approved, and accredited by the American College of Radiology.

To prepare for the appointment, women are asked to wear skirt or slacks to allow for easy disrobing from the waist up. The use of antiperspirants should be avoided, and women are asked to please not wear body powder, lotion or perfume on the breast area.

Breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women. One in eight women will be diagnosed in their lifetimes. At this time, we do not know how to prevent the disease, but we do know how to monitor the breasts, so if cancer should occur, it will be found in the earliest stages. Practicing monthly breast self-exam, going for a clinical breast exam, and having your mammograms on the recommended basis are the best tools available to help fight the battle against breast cancer. Mammography has the ability to detect some lumps years before they can be felt and is the best diagnostic tool we have for early detection of these lumps. The American Cancer Society recommends for women age 40 and older to have a screening mammogram yearly.

For more information about arranging a screening mammogram, call the Watonga Public Health Nursing Department at (580) 623-4991, Ext 3012.

GENERAL ELECTION
GOVERNOR
LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES
Rollin "Eddie" Hamilton-Gov.
Cornell Sankey-Lt. Gov.

Roberta "Bobbie" Hamilton-Gov.
Jerry Levi-Lt. Gov.

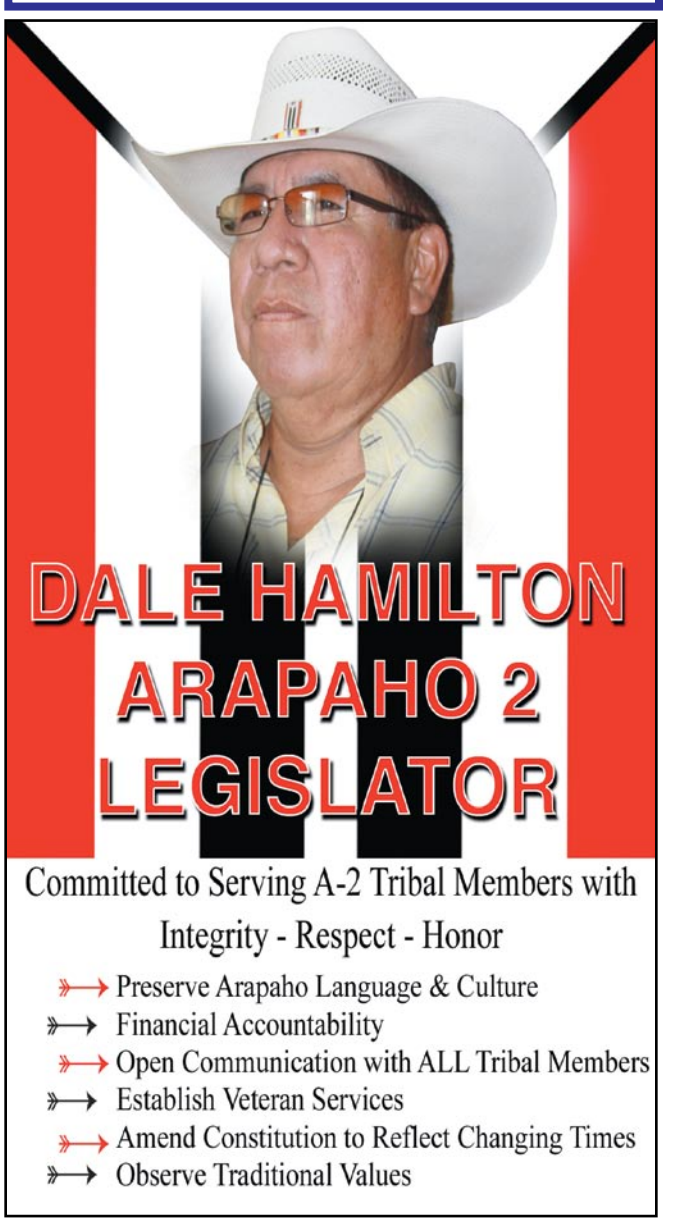
PRIMARY ELECTION
LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Cheyenne District 2
Ramona Tallbear
George Woods
Alan Fletcher

Cheyenne District 4
Kyle Orange ...Winner by Default

Arapaho District 1
Edward Eugene Mosqueda
Jane Nightwalker

Arapaho District 2
Dale Hamilton
Michael Martin
Christine Morton



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Respect Program
Halloween Carnival
Inviting all Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Members!
Wednesday, October 30, 2013
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Concho PowWow Grounds & Clinton Respect Building
Activities, Inflatables & Games
Costume Contest - 7:30 p.m.
Best Decorated Pumpkin Contest - 8:00 p.m.

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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL COLLEGE

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College offers four Academic Degree Programs. Associate of Science in Tribal Administration, Associate of Science in American Indian Studies, Associate of Science in General Education and Associate of Science in Children's Teacher.

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Tribal Council

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8. A Resolution to Approve the Property and Supply Manual.

9. Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Submit Letters of Authorization for Grant Applications Submitted from October 5, 2013 Through December 31, 2017.

10. Resolution to Support the Cheyenne and Arapaho Living Language Project Grant Application to ANA for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance.

11. Emergency Medical Service

12. Resolution to Define and Account for the Tribal Gaming Revenue for Per Capita for Purposes of Distribution.

13. Resolution to Approve and Authorize the FY2014 Tribal Transportation Program Government-to-Government Agreement Between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs.

14. Resolution to Authorize the Submission of 2014 Tribal Transit Program Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration.

15. Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.

16. Resolution to Authorize the Submission of 2014 Tribal Transportations Program Safety Grant Application to the Federal Highway Administration.

17. Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-01 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into all Agreements (Including Easements) Necessary and Proper for Provision of Utilities to Serve Concho, Clinton, Watonga, Canton and Hammon Casinos and any Successors and Assigns to those Casinos, Pursuant to the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(c).

18. Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-02 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Contracts on Behalf of the Tribes in an Amount up to $500,000.00.

19. Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-03 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Public Law 93-638 Contracts Implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

20. Authorization to Include the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority for the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan.

Agenda item 1, *Resolution to Select (8) Eight Election Commission Members to Conduct the 2013 General Election, in Accordance with the Constitution* failed with a vote of 77 for, 97 against, 0 abstaining.

With agenda item 1 not passing, agenda items 2 and 3 were stricken from the agenda.

Agenda item 4, *Resolution to Approve a Contract for a Tribal Council Attorney*, failed with a vote of 31 for, 148 against and 1 abstaining.

Agenda item 5, *Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Renew the Elderly Nutrition Program/Grants to Native Americans Grant for FY 2014-2017*, passed with a vote of 205 for, 0 against and 3 abstaining.

Agenda item 6, *Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Renew the Native American Caregiver Program Grant for FY 2014-2017*, passed with a vote of 169 for, 2 against and 2 abstaining.

Agenda item 7, *Regarding the Executive Power Expressed in Article VII Section 4, (c) "No… Gaming Management Contract Shall be Valid Which Has Not Been Previously Authorized by the Tribal Council." Therefore, Accountability for the Expenditure of 9.4 Million Dollars for "PokerTribes.com and BingoTribes.com" Must be Restored to the Tribal Treasury and Justified by the Chief Financial Officer* had two amendments proposed to the language before voting.

Hoffman made a motion for the first amendment to add the language stating that Leslie Wandrie-Harjo is ordered to return the 2011 Oil and Gas per capita check in the amount of approximately $755,000 currently being held by Harjo in Bank 2 located in Ada, Okla., or be prosecuted. The amendment passed with a vote of 172 for, 21 against and 12 abstaining.

The second amendment was proposed by Doris Thunderbull to add language to include Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, current governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho, Brian Foster, CEO of Lucky Star Casinos and casino employee, Barbara Paukei to return the $9.4 million that they illegally received from the tribes to purchase PokerTribes.com and BingoTribes.com or face prosecution and or jail time. The second amendment passed with a vote of 172 for, 34 against and 15 abstaining.

The agenda item 7 passed with both amendments by a vote of 162 for, 18 against and 11 abstaining.

After the passing of agenda item 7, meeting chairperson, Wassana adjourned the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with meeting chairperson, Wassana, moved immediately to the reading of agenda item 8 for consideration by the Tribal Council.

Agenda item 8, *A Resolution to Approve the Property and Supply Manual*, passed with a vote of 122 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Agenda item 9, *Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Submit Letters of Authorization for Grant Applications Submitted from October 5, 2013 Through December 31, 2017* had one motion to table and one motion to amend the language made prior to voting.

The first motion, made my Lee Yellow Eyes to table the resolution, failed with a vote of 2 for, 141 against and 0 abstaining.

The second motion made my Darrell Flyingman to add an amendment to remove Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell's name from the resolution passed with a vote of 93 for, 31 against and 5 abstaining.

The agenda item 9 passed, with the amendment by a vote of 152 for, 0 against and 4 abstaining.

Agenda item 10, *Resolution to Support the Cheyenne and Arapaho Living Language Project Grant Application to ANA for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance*, passed with a vote of 142 for, 1 against and 1 abstaining.

Agenda item 11, *Emergency Medical Service*, had one motion to table resolution and on motion to amend the dollar amount made prior to voting.

The first motion to table the resolution and bring in front of the legislature was made by Ramona Tallbear. The motion failed with a vote of 29 for, 87 against and 4 abstaining.

The second motion to amend the amount from $50,000 to $75, 000 was made by Roberta (Bobbie) Hamilton. The motion passed with a vote of 105 for, 24 against and 2 abstaining.

The agenda item 11 passed, with amendment by a vote of 130 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Agenda item 12, *Resolution to Define and Account for the Tribal Gaming Revenue for Per Capita for Purposes of Distribution*, had one motion for an amendment prior to voting.

The motion to amend the language to include a financial report to the Tribal Council as well as the Treasurer's office and to include a reporting of last year's Minor Trust Account was made by Lee Yellow Eyes. The amendment passed with a vote of 105 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

The agenda item 12 passed, with amendment with a vote of 106 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Agenda item 13, *Resolution to Approve and Authorize the FY2014 Tribal Transportation Program Government-to-Government Agreement Between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs*, passed with a vote of 111 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Agenda item 14, *Resolution to Authorize the Submission of 2014 Tribal Transit Program Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration*, passed with a vote of 134 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Agenda item 15, *Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Tribal Transportation Safety Plan*, was respectfully removed from the agenda by author Angela Blind to be considered at a later time.

Agenda item 16, *Resolution to Authorize the Submission of 2014 Tribal Transportations Program Safety Grant Application to the Federal Highway Administration*, was also respectfully removed from the agenda by author Angela Blind to be considered at a later time.

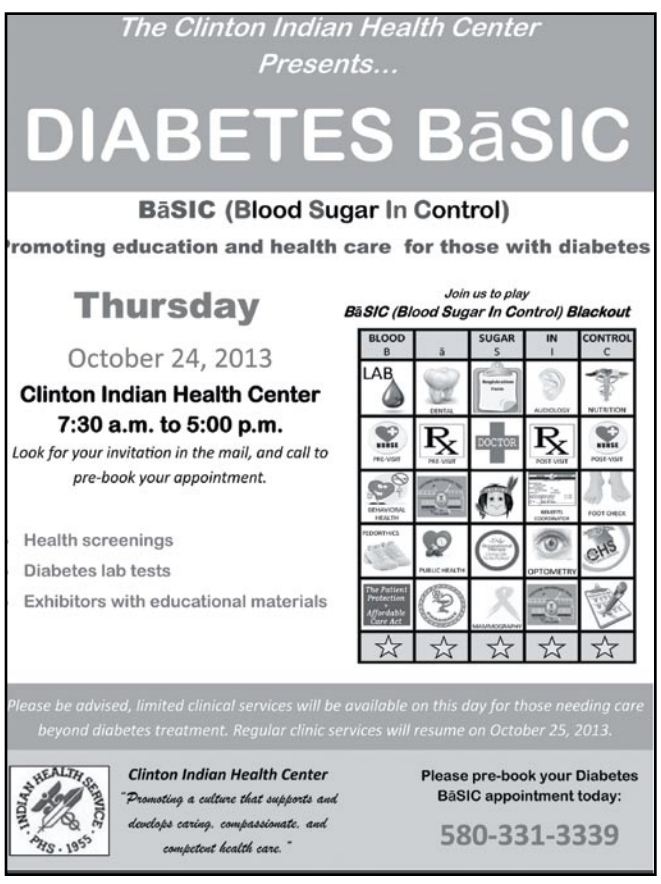
Agenda item 17, *Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-01 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into all Agreements (Including Easements) Necessary and Proper for Provision of Utilities to Serve Concho, Clinton, Watonga, Canton and Hammon Casinos and any Successors and Assigns to those Casinos, Pursuant to the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(c)*, passed with a vote of 88 for, 0 against and 3 abstaining.

Agenda item 18, *Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-02 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Contracts on Behalf of the Tribes in an Amount up to $500,000*, passed with a vote of 94 for, 3 against and 1 abstaining.

Agenda item 19, *Resolution to Repeal Tribal Council Resolution No: 021911STC-03 Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Public Law 93-638 Contracts Implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act*, passed with a vote of 93 for, 9 against and 1 abstaining.

Agenda item 20, *Authorization to Include the Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority for the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*, passed with a vote of 99 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.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Presents...
DIABETES BāSIC
BāSIC (Blood Sugar In Control)
Promoting education and health care for those with diabetes
Thursday
October 24, 2013
Clinton Indian Health Center
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Look for your invitation in the mail, and call to pre-book your appointment.
Join us to play
BāSIC (Blood Sugar In Control) Blackout
BLOOD SUGAR IN CONTROL
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Health screenings
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Exhibitors with educational materials
Please be advised, limited clinical services will be available on this day for those needing care beyond diabetes treatment. Regular clinic services will resume on October 25, 2013.
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Please pre-book your Diabetes BāSIC appointment today:
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The Big Event at IHS!!
Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8am -2pm
At the Clinton Indian Health Center
HIV/AIDS Prevention
5-K & FUN run!
Runs will begin at 8am
Clinton Indian Health Center is located at 10321 N. 2274 Rd, Just North of the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, OK
Got Drugs?
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal
Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013
At the Clinton Indian Health Service
10am to 2pm
Main Entrance
dispose
unused
Rx
AIDS AWARENESS DAY
Spread the facts, not HIV
HIV/AIDS testing
May be available
Affordable Care Act Information!
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Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Red Road to Freedom AA Conference

Oct. 18-20, 2013 at the LaQuinta Inn, 800 S Meridian in Oklahoma City. A powwow will be on held on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. For more information contact Berdina Kodaseet (405) 201-1283.

Lucky Star Casino presents comedian Mike Epps

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information or for tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Pryor Wellbriety Powwow

Oct. 19, 2013 at the Mid-American Expo Center in Pryor, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Free admission. All drums welcomed to attend. For more information contact Mary Hayes at (918) 698-0583.

The University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute's Indian Education Summit

Oct. 21-23, 2013 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.Aii.ou.edu. For vendor and exhibitor registration contact Ann Barnes at (405) 325-4127.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Elder's Day Out-Halloween Celebration

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 23, 2013 at the Canton Indian Gym in Canton, Okla. Elders must call for transportation and registration. For more information call (405) 422-7570 or (405) 422-7585 or (580) 331-2601.

Clinton Indian Health Center presents Diabetes Basics

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013 at the Clinton Indian Health Center in Clinton, Okla. There will be health screenings, diabetes lab tests, exhibitors with educational information. For more information or to pre-book an appointment call (580) 331-3339.

Arapaho Nation Halloween Dance

5 p.m., Oct. 25, 2013 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Everyone is invited to attend. Sponsored by the Southern Arapaho Gathering and Events (SAGE). For more information call Robert Tabor at (405) 301-4558.

Bacone Fall Powwow

12 p.m. - 11 p.m., Oct. 26, 2013 at the Muskogee Civic Center, W. Okmulgee and 5th Street in Muskogee, Okla. Contest powwow, all princesses, drums, singers and dancers invited to attend. For vendor information contact Asa Lewis at (918) 360-0057 or email lewisa@bacone.edu. For powwow information contact Connie Falleaf at (918) 687-3299 or by email at falleafc@bacone.edu.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's Halloween Carnival

6 p.m.-9p.m., Oct. 30, 2013 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla., and Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. building in Clinton, Okla. Costume contest at 7:30 p.m. Best decorated pumpkin contest at 8 p.m. For more information call (800) 247-4612, ext. 27570 or 27585.

Lucky Star Casino presents Up In Smoke Tour with Cheech-n-Chong, War and Tower of Power

Nov. 8, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. For more information or tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The second annual Honoring the Beat of Life Powwow

Nov. 9, 2013 at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City, Okla. Registration for 1 mile family fun run/walk at 7:30 a.m. Health fair and free health screenings from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. followed by lunch. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper break at 5:30 p.m. Contest registration opens at 6 p.m. with Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For vendors and more information contact Rachel Crawford at (405) 593-6931.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder's Conference

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. All tribal elders are invited to attend. For more information contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7723.

80th Birthday Honor Dance for Herschel L. Kaulaity

Nov. 23, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 1 p.m., supper at 5:30, Processional and Kiowa War Mother Songs at 7 p.m. followed by Inter-tribal dancing and special contests. Men's "old style" Northern Traditional (50 years and up) contest. First place, $500, second place, $300 and third place $200, sponsored by Mary Kaulaity and Head Lady Dancer, Eloise Rice. For more information please call Mary at (661) 654-7152 or (661) 203-2938.

Curtis-Greany Family Thanksgiving

1 p.m., Nov. 28, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Families are asked to bring a family tree, photos and Thanksgiving dinner for their family. For more information call Butch Greany at (970) 563-3685, (970) 903-7777 or email cyblerights@yahoo.com.

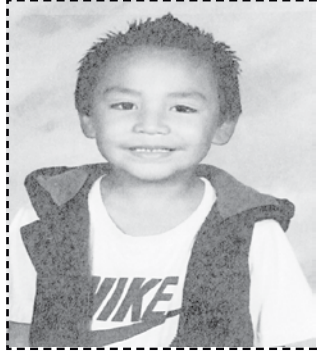
Choctaw Nation Powwow

Nov. 29-30, 2013 at the Choctaw Nation Event Center in Durant, Okla. Dance competitions, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. For more information visit www.choctaw-casinos.org.

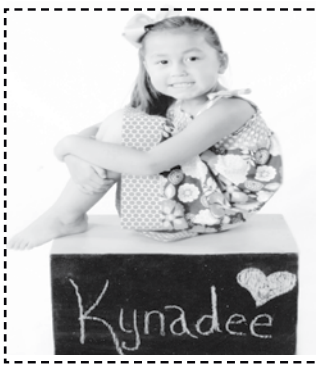
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Belated 5th Birthday
to Kellyn BullComing
on Sept. 11
Happy Belated 2nd Birthday
to Kingston BullComing
on Sept. 15
I love you both very much
and looking forward to the
years to come with you!!!
Momma will always be here
for you, love you my Ks
with all my heart!!

Happy 14th Birthday
baby boy,
Ryan Gilbert!
Oct. 20
You are loved more
than you know!
Keep up the good work son!
Love mom, Ed, Dylan,
Caleb, Kyle and the girls



Happy 6th Birthday
Ronnie RedShin!
Oct. 28
We love you
From all your family



Happy 5th Birthday
To our beautiful Kynadee
Sue Hamilton!
Oct. 23
We hope you have the best
birthday ever and be blessed
with many, many more!
Love, mom, dad, Dylan,
Caleb, Kyle, Ryan, Rylee,
Lauren and Michelle

Happy Birthday
Little Brother
Deforest "DE" Tallbear
Oct. 20
You're my wonderful
brother that I truly admire.
I'm always excited for the
moments we share.
A brother like you is
definitely rare.
For being my brother,
and for being there. I'm
infinitely grateful,
I love you and care.
Love Margaret

Happy Birthday
Aunt Geneva Blue
Oct. 18
Love your
nephew, Rodney

Congratulations
to Mark Curtis
for earning his
GED!!

Happy 16th Birthday
Kevin II
Oct. 27
We love you!
From your family

Happy 18th Birthday
Kyle Gilbert!
Oct. 4
We love you very much!
You have grown into a
handsome young man and
we are so proud of you!
Love, mom, Ed and the girls

Happy 7th Birthday
Na'htana Brightstar Murray
I hope you have a good one
and many more to come.
Na'htona I love you from
your father, Brian Murray

Congratulations to Khali
Littlehawk for being
Student of the Month at
Kingfisher Heritage School
for the month of Sept.
Keep up the good work girl!

Happy Birthday
Josie Sleeper
Age is just a number!
We will see you at the lake.
Hope you
have a
good one.
From your
boo and
family

Happy Birthday to a
very special auntie,
Codi Gonzalez
Oct. 13
Because it's your
birthday, be sure
to wish upon a star
and think of us who
know how
wonderful you are.
Love you always,
Kenneth Wermy,
LaReina Gould and
Hayden "Cubby"
Gould

Happy 18th Birthday
William Laver Dale
Geionety
"Our little drummer boy"
Oct. 31
Go Carnegie Wildcats
Marching Band!
Love, grandpa Ricky,
grandma Donna and
grandma Vera

Happy Birthday
William Meeks Sr.
Oct. 16
Love your
wife and son

Happy Birthday
Celia Redbird
I know I am a few
months early, but I just
love you with all my
heart and I am
proud of all that
you do.
Love your dad

Happy 11th Birthday
Kenzie Wendolyn!
Oct.18
We love you
From all your family

Happy 18th Birthday
To my Halloween
baby boy William Lavern
Dale Geionety
Oct. 31
Love you, mom-
Adawanya Marie

We would like to wish our
beautiful baby girl
Michelle Leigh Hamilton
a Happy 1st Birthday!
Oct. 22. You have brought
so much joy and happiness
to our lives and we wish you
could stay a baby forever!
We love you bunches sweet
girl! Love, momma, daddy,
Dylan, Caleb, Kyle, Ryan,
Rylee, Lauren and Kynadee

Jason and Darren
Cordially invite you to
attend their wedding cer-
emony.
Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013
at 6:00 p.m. in Watonga,
Okla. at the Watonga Indian
Community Center.
Reception with dinner to
follow R.S.V.P. call, text, or
email (405) 669-0034 or ja-
sonpickel177@gmail.com.

Oct. 28
Happy 5th Birthday
Tori Lynn Manygoats
You have grown up right
before our eyes.
You can brighten even the
darkest day and I thank God
for the day he sent
you to be with us.
Love your mama Dita (Nika)
and your two older
sisters Kaya and Malina!

Obituaries

In Loving Memory
Peggy Sue Horse
July 23, 1943
Oct. 3, 2013

A wake service was held for Peggy Sue Horse Oct. 8, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Oct. 9, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

In Loving Memory
Florence Lime
July 7, 1959
Oct. 2, 2013

A wake service was held for Florence Lime on Oct. 7, 2013 at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Oct. 8, 2013 at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla.

In Loving Memory
Rudolph Miles
Dec. 10, 1951
Oct. 6, 2013

A wake service was held for Rudolph Miles Oct. 10, 213 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Oct. 11, 2013 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

In Loving Memory
Frank Kauahquo

Frank Kauahquo was a longtime preacher in Cheyenne and Arapaho country. Frank was a genuine man of God who will forever be missed by those who knew and loved him.

A funeral service was held for Frank on Oct. 3, 2013 at the Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

A wake service was held for him on Oct. 2, 2013 at the Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

In Loving Memory
Linda Lee Levi Dyer
March 12, 1940 – Oct. 3, 2013

Linda Lee Levi Dyer was born in Concho, Okla. on March 12, 1940 to George and Lillian (Whitebird) Levi. She passed away on Oct. 3, 2013 in Geary, Okla. at the age of 73.

Linda graduated from the Chilocco High School in 1958. She attended Southeastern State College in Durant, Okla.

She married Loyd Dyer on Jan. 5, 1967 in El Reno, Okla. Linda worked in food service for Sequoyah High Schools, and worked in administration services for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. She loved to go to powwows, her reunions, and painting ceramics.

Linda was a member of the Methodist Church. She volunteered at the Jack Montgomery VA Center for many years.

Survivors include her daughter, Michelle Dyer Munoz and husband Jose of Albuquerque, N.M., her grandson, Markos Munoz of Albuquerque, NM, her brothers, Tommy Jack Levi of Midwest City, Okla., and Jerry Levi of El Reno, Okla., as well as other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Lillian Levi, her husband Loyd Dyer, her siblings, Maynard G. Levi, Georgia Levi Henderson, and Curtis Levi.

A wake service was held for Linda Dyer on Oct. 8, 2013 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla.

A funeral service was held for her on Oct. 9, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Geary Okla.

Services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hinton, Oklahoma.

In Loving Memory
Billy Gene Boyles
April 28, 1938 - Sept. 26, 2013

Billy Gene Boyles, 75, of Muskogee, Okla. passed away Monday, Sept. 26, 2013 with his loving family at his side. He was born April 28, 1938 in Concho, Okla. to Albert Boyles and Minnie McKeegan Boyles.

Bill was a carpenter by trade. He met and married Eileen Zella Slaughter ,April 28, 1958.

Bill enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and wood working. He loved his family more than anything, especially his kids and grandkids.

Bill was preceded in death by his brother, Tom Boyles and his sisters, Polly Rankin and Dianne King.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Boyles, of the home are his children, Dennis Boyles, Tammy Curtis, and David Boyles, grandchildren, Renee Odem, Billy Jones, D.J. Boyles, Amanda Skeen, Christopher Jones, Thomas Boyles, Garrett Boyles, Sunsari Clark, Jake Boyles, Austin Boyles, Jessica Boyles, Danielle Boyles, Brandon Boyles, and Ethan Boyles, great grandchildren, Catherine Odem, Caroline Odem, and Thomas Odem, Palatin Jones, Petra Jones, brother, Albert Boyles and other family members and friends.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life was held on Oct. 5, 2013 at the Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Dennis Boyles and Tom Shelton officiating.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Teaching Specialist
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in education. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in foreign language pedagogy, teaching methods, and curricula in primary and secondary education settings. Experience designing and evaluating workshops and other teaching activities for teachers and other adult participants. Academic training, knowledge and experience in online, hybrid and blended educational settings. Experience developing academic curricula, interactive classroom instruction and student learning outcomes for primary and secondary students. Skills to critically assess the form and content of instructional materials for use in a wide variety of education settings and by diverse users. Experience working in close collaboration with skilled staff in the design and implementation of changes in pedagogy and curriculum. Knowledge of academic assessment models and methods sufficient to collaborate with professionals in this area. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneouslySet and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional collaborative working relationshipsAbility to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Arapaho Researcher
Language Program
Closing date: Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Linguistics, Native American Studies, Anthropology or related field preferred. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in Native American languages and cultures. Skills to critically assess the form and content of language materials. Basic computer skills. Ability to learn audio and video recording skills. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Set and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional working relationships. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Receptionist/Auxiliary Attendant
George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center
Closing date: Oct.17, 2013

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Good communication skills both oral and written. Computer literate. Must have maintained at least one year sobriety. Must be able to work flexible hours, including nights and weekends. Able to pass a physical exam with TB test. Able to pass drug screen; including random UAs. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must have telephone and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Curriculum Specialist
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in education. Experience working with Native population. Academic training, knowledge and experience in foreign language pedagogy, teaching methods and curricula in primary and secondary education settings. Academic training, knowledge and experience in online, hybrid and blended educational settings. Experience developing academic curricula, interactive classroom instruction and student learning outcomes for primary and secondary students. Skills to critically assess the form and content of instructional materials for use in a wide variety of education settings and by diverse users. Experience working in close collaboration with skilled staff in the design and implementation of changes in pedagogy and curriculum. Knowledge of academic assessment models and methods sufficient to collaborate with professionals in this area. Organizational and time management skills to establish and pursue priorities and goals consistent with program mission. Ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously. Set and meet deadlines collaboratively and on individual projects. Experience working in an environment that requires interpersonal communication skills to create and maintain professional collaborative working relationships. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Ability to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Officer
Food Distribution,
Watonga, Okla.
Closing date: Until filled

Qualifications:

Twenty-four hours of college coursework minimum. Posses valid State driver's license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B. Currently certified or eligible for forklift certification. Training and warehouse work experience; familiar with warehouse and loading & unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and Non-Indian individuals/households. Strong organization, writing and communication skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Legislative Public Relations
Administration Building
Closing date: Oct.18, 2013

Qualifications:

Must possess experience in the video industry. Must have creative and technical writing skills. Must have computer skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Etc.) Must be willing to work hours other than normal working hours. Must be able to pass a drug test. Must have Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug test.

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Closing date: Oct. 19, 2013

Qualifications:

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SALARY: Negotiable

Transit Driver II
Tribal Transit Program
El Reno and Surrounding Area
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Have a valid Oklahoma Class D driver's license. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening and subject to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds with no physical barriers. Applicant must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisory any findings or incidents. High School diploma or GED. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant
Language Program
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Four years of clerical experience or an equivalent of education and experience. High school diploma or GED certification required. Experience working with Native populations. Knowledge of basic data entry. Basic knowledge of spreadsheets. Knowledge of Microsoft Office. Proficient in grammar, both oral and written. Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Able to travel within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Letter to the Editor:

According to the September 1 Tribal newspaper, absentee ballots were supposed to be mailed to enrolled Tribal members by Sept. 17, 2013. I received my absentee ballot on Oct. 4, 2013 and I live out-of-state.

Deadline for the Election Commission to receive the absentee ballots is Oct. 8, 2013.

It seems that the Election Commission could do a much better job of getting the absentee ballots mailed out to tribal members.

Marsha Ann Harris
Enrolled tribal elder

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Invitation to Southern Arapaho

Oct. 17, 2013, at the Geary Community Center to hear Terry Cornell speak at 7 p.m. Open discussion.

Sponsered by (SAGE) Southern Arapaho Gatherings and Events. For more information contact Robert Tabor at (405) 301-4558.

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ELDERLY NUTRION CALENDAR
~ October 2013 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		15 Spaghetti Salad Green Beans Peaches	16 Chili Crackers Cake	17 Polish Sausage Mac n Cheese Corn Peaches	18 Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots Jello	19
20	21 CLOSED	22 Stew Corn Bread Oranges	23 Tt Casserole Peas Salad Apricots	24 Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Jello	25 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots Fruit	26
27	28 Closed	29 Egg Salad Potato Soup Crackers Fruit	30 Beef Patties W/Mush. Gravy Peas Apple slices	31 Witches Brew Witches Fingers Eye balls	NOV. 1 Goulash Green beans Jello	

DATES TO REMEBER
OCT. 8 CELEBRATING OCT. BIRTHDAYS
OCT. 16 KIRSTIE PURDY
OCT. 22 LEGAL AID
OCT. 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY AND DINNER

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Mobile Dental Van
October Dates

New El Reno Indian Clinic Parking Lot
1801 Parkview Drive just
East of Mercy Hospital in El Reno
OCT. 16-17/9-4
OCT. 22-23/9-4

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Nov. 28, 2013
1 p.m.
Concho Community
Families are asked to bring: Family tree, photos, and Thanksgiving Dinner for their family.
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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Application Of:
J.C.R.P.T.
DOB: 01-12-09
By the Natural mother
To Change Name

Case No: CIV-2013-0108

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JACOB WAYNE PETERSON

TAKE NOTICE, that Devon Torres has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from J.C.R.P.T. to J.C.R.P. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 30th day of **October**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 4th day of October, 2013.

Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Devon Torres
2317 S.W.. 32nd., St.
Oklahoma City, Ok 73119

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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In The Matter Of The Termination Of:
WILLIAM LEFTHAND
DOB: 9/23/2009
Minor Child Under the Age of 18 Years

Case No: JFJ-2009-0003

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: FRANCINE LEFTHAND

You are hereby notified that Charles Morris, Attorney General for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has filed in this Court a Termination Notice of the person and/or estates of William Lefthand, minor child, Said Termination is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 7th day of **JANUARY, 2014 10:00 a.m.**,

At which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said termination should not be granted.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2013.

Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
D.L.R. DOB: 2-9-09
J.A.R. DOB: 5-11-10
J.M.R. DOB: 7-10-11
J.R. DOB: 8-27-13
Minor Children Under The Age Of 18 Years

Case No: PG-2013-0086

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **ADOLPH RODARTE**

You are hereby notified that Chloe Orange has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianhsip of the persons and/or estates D.L.R.., J.A.R., J.M.R. and J.R.. minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **30TH** day of **OCTOBER**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2013.

Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Micaela Rodarte
146 Calhoon
Elk City, Ok 73644

Chickasaw woman to cheer on NBA pros as Thunder Girl

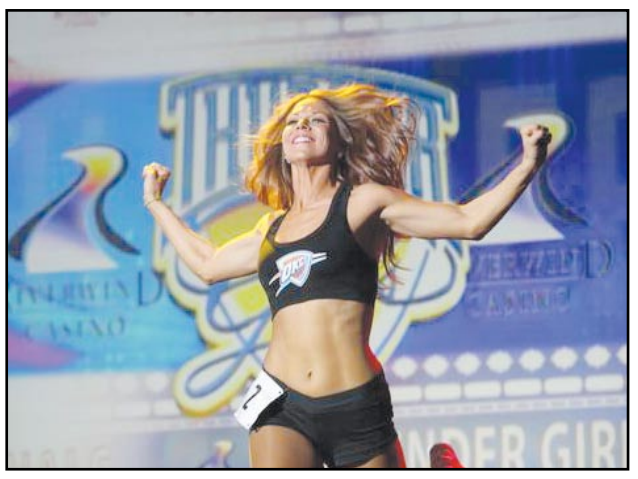
Oklahoma City, OK-A Chickasaw woman's dream has come true. And she'll get to share it with thousands.

Katie Callaway will cheer on basketball pros and fans as a member of the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder's dance team.

"I am so excited," Callaway said in a news release. "I can't wait to get on those sidelines and entertain the best fans of any city with an NBA team."

Callaway, 26, sat in the stands as a fan for six years before she decided to try out. But, she didn't make the team on her first try.

"I worked hard, very hard, to improve my technique," Callaway said reflecting on the failed effort.



"I worked on leaps, turns, and pointed toes. It was a full-on effort for a year. It was tough." The final audition process consisted of three rounds: a choreographed routine, a question and answer session, and a solo dance. Only 38 women were selected as finalists from nearly 100 hopefuls. The group of 38 was eventually narrowed down to 20.

She auditioned at the Riverwind Casino in Norman, Okla., in front of a packed house. Now that she's one of the 20 Thunder Girls, Callaway is looking forward to the team's first game in November.

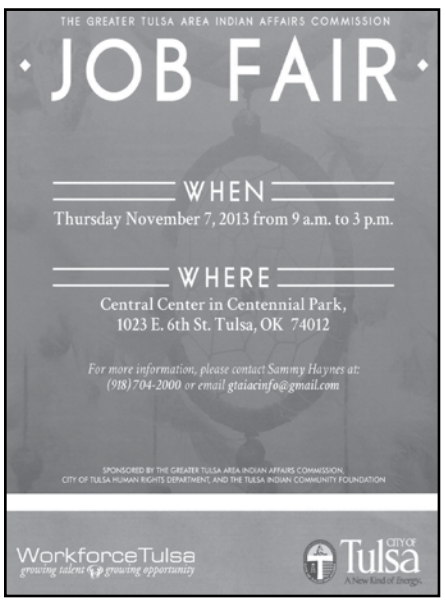
"I wondered what it would be like to be down there. I wondered how exciting it was for the team and how much they looked forward to it," she said in the news release.

Callaway is an Oklahoma resident. She attended Ada High School where she was a cheerleader, but she was born in England where her father was stationed in the U.S. Air Force. Her mother is Chickasaw and works for the Chickasaw Nation. For years, her grandfather, Jack Wells, served as a Chickasaw tribal legislator and her great-grandmother, Delta Wells, was an original enrollee with the tribe.

"We'd go to festivals and I was a member of the Governor's Honor Club," Callaway said. "I learned my heritage is important and tradition is important. It is essential to know one's self. I am very proud of my Chickasaw heritage.

But, Callaway won't quit her day job. She's a drilling engineer technician with Chesapeake Energy where she analyzes drilling for natural resources. She started working there as a receptionist and moved up rather quickly. Callaway is also a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond where she studied public relations.

Not only is she excited about cheering on the fans, but as a Thunder girl, Callaway will also have a chance to work with her community. "Being a part of the organization will give me that opportunity to give back, which is something I'm looking forward to very much."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Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission to hold job fair

The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission will hold a job fair open to the public, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Central Center at Centennial Park, 1028 E. Sixth Street in Tulsa, Okla.

Co-sponsors of the job fair are the City of Tulsa Human Rights Department and the Tulsa Indian Community Foundation. Workforce Tulsa and the Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission are participating as partners in this event.

Registration is open until Nov. 1 for employers to participate in the job fair. Cost is $175 for a 6-foot table.

Information also is available regarding the American Indian Lands Tax Credit.

For more information, contact Sammy Haynes, Chairman of the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, at (918) 704-2200, or email gtaiacinfo@gmail.com.

Lawrence leaders seek meeting with tribe over land

LAWRENCE, Kan.-City officials are seeking a meeting with members of the Delaware Tribe to learn more about the tribe's plans to develop some prime property in the Lawrence area.

The tribe bought about 90 acres of farmland in north Lawrence along the Kansas Turnpike this summer. City commissioners told City Manager, David Corliss, to seek a meeting with tribal officials in Oklahoma within the next two to three weeks, The Lawrence Journal-World reported.

"I'm very concerned about what the environmental impact development could have on that property," City Commissioner Bob Schumm said. "It is a delicate piece of property. When it rains, I've seen that area look like a great lake out there."

The property is just outside the Lawrence city limits, but any development is likely to affect city property because of stormwater drainage issues. Tribal officials have confirmed they are working to have the land put into federal trust, which would make the property sovereign Indian territory and not subject to the city or county's regulations on development.

While the tribe has not released specific plans for the property, it has said it hopes to provide housing, child care and medical care for American Indians in the region.

City commissioners want Mayor Mike Dever, City Commissioner Jeremy Farmer and one Douglas County commissioner to go to Oklahoma to meet privately with tribal leaders.

"We need to start building bridges, and we don't want to do anything to isolate people here," Farmer said.

City and county officials might have some future input on the property because tribal officials could seek to negotiate for some services from local governments, such as water, sewer, police and fire protection.

ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Together Everyone Achieves More

What happens when the sport of softball is in young athletes blood?

You get Rayleen Lena, 15 year-old from El Reno, Okla., who has been swinging a bat since she was three and plays for the El Reno High School softball team.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

Training and going to camps. I get to know more people and other coaches that will tell me what I need to improve on so that I can be my best. Hitting is what I am best at.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Keeping on top of my work, so that I get to play the sport that I love.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

I want to play for Oklahoma University (OU) as an outfielder or a catcher.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

I keep myself out of trouble and do well at my schoolwork, which is what I am most proud of for myself.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

All of them. I love to smack the ball, I usually get at least two runs in for our team.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

My grandma and grandpa, Marsha Nibbs Lena and Dean Lena give me good advice. They always tell me to keep my head up even when I do something wrong. They are always encouraging me to keep trying even if I fail at something. They say to me if I always give everything my best I will find myself at college just like I want. I love my grand parents for that.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Never give up on your teammates.

Who or what inspires you the most?

The person who inspires me is Brianna Turang from OU; she plays in the outfield on the softball team. She does the things that I am working on. I go to the OU camps and work with her, she tells me what to do so that I can improve. I have

Interview and photos by Rebecka Lyman

a picture that I took with her.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

I run a lot and I go out to the field to work on getting better and stronger. I practice on my ground balls and pop flies. I really just run to keep my body in shape.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My dad has the biggest impact on my life … he is just so busy, always. I would really like for him to be at more of my games, but when I go home and tell him about my game, he always tells me how proud he is of me and he wishes he did not have to work so much so that he could be at my games.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I really don't have any hobbies, but I love going to see my niece, she is 7 months old. I get to have her this week and I am so excited to see her.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like to listen to country music. When I need to get pumped up before a game I listen to hip-hop and R&B.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I have nothing because I am a really open person.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

I would build and start a place for the homeless. I don't like knowing that people, kids and families have no place to live and nothing to eat.

What do you someday dream of doing?

Meeting Justin Bieber.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Brianna Turang.

Which team is your favorite team?

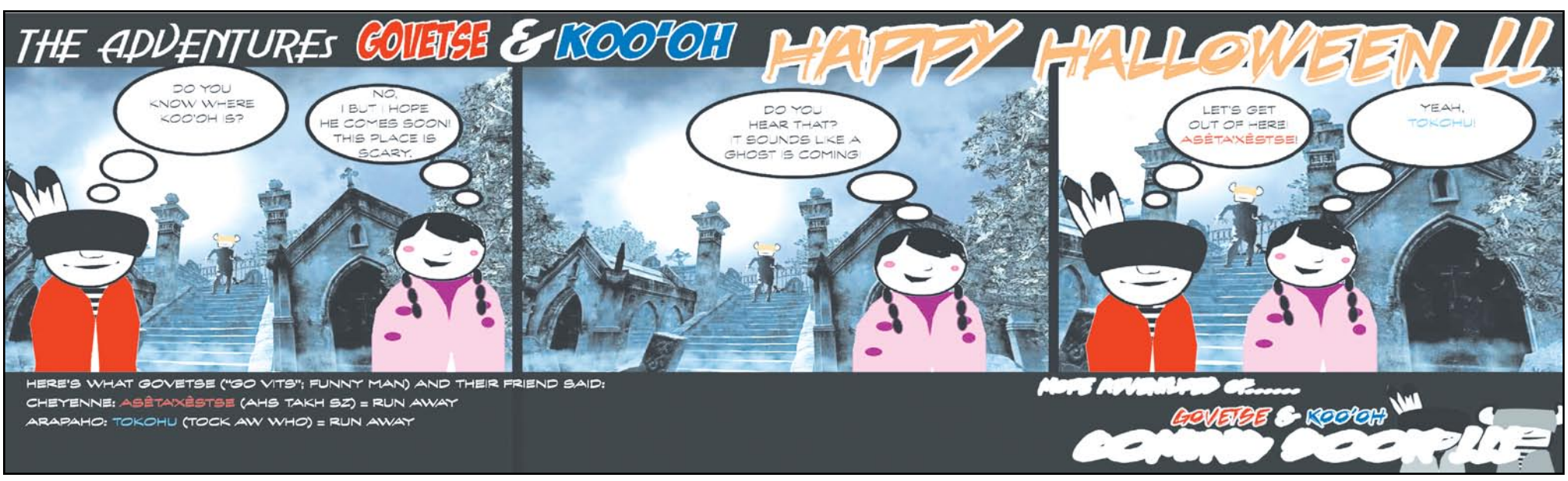
OU softball team.

What are your plans after graduating high school?

To attend OU and play softball for all my years that I attend and to one day play softball for the U.S. Olympic team.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

If you are going to play sports keep your head up and try and work hard. Don't give up on the things you love and you will make it through it.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ARAPAHO: TOKOHU (TOCK AW WHO) = RUN AWAY
GOVETSE & KOO'OH

Boxer holds no punches

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Joe Blurton dreams of someday being in the same boxing ring with his idol, Floyd Mayweather. After signing a pro boxing contract with catBox Entertainment, Inc., Blurton may be on his way to realizing that dream.

Blurton, Cheyenne, Arapaho, signed a five year contract with catBox in September, assuring him of regular boxing fights … something Blurton has had a passion for since he can remember. The 5'll boxer will campaign as a welterweight (147 lbs.).

"From a little kid I wanted to fight. I was a junior in high school when I got into doing some tough man competitions. I won one and I was hooked from then on. The tough man tournaments are where you pay to enter and they have a bunch of people in one weight class and you fight your way through to the end. I fought six fights in two nights the first time I entered one. You fight your way to the top of the tournament bracket wearing 16 oz. boxing gloves and its straight boxing," Blurton said. "It was then I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. My boss back then, Matt Hanson at GC Manufacturing paid my entry fee to go to the tough man contest. He was the guy who actually got me into it. Everyday on break they would shoot pool and I would hang a heavy bag and punch the heavy bag while they shot pool.

When asked why his boss thought he could box, Blurton laughed and said, "I think he just wanted to see me get hurt."

He said during his senior year he fought in a couple more tough man competitions and some amateur, non-sanctioned boxing matches.

"They were not really anything that the boxing commission had sanctioned, just small tribal casinos. I didn't fight at Lucky Star until about 2006 when I took a fight with C3 at Lucky Star, but before then just really small tribal casinos, little holes in the walls that no one really knew about," Blurton smiled.

Blurton said catBox CEO and president, Bill Zudhi has seen him on a couple of fight cards in the past and had heard of him through word of mouth before being offered to sign with him.

"Bill's son, Noah is the WBU (World Boxing Union) lightweight champ, he really liked me and I was helping him at the fight last month when he was defending his title. I was supposed to fight that night, but my guy didn't show up, so Noah asked if I would corner him, so I helped corner him, just get him warmed up for his fight. He (Noah) told me there was something about me that he liked so I was pretty much just his hype man. We got to talking after the match and then before I knew it they wanted me on the team so Bill got with me a couple weeks ago, we sat down and signed a contract and here I am … I am so pumped!" Blurton exclaimed.

Zudhi, CEO and president of CatBox Entertainment, based out of Oklahoma City has promoted and produced boxing fighting cards since 2007. He has also produced and promoted world class entertainers nationwide including multiple dates with legendary singer Frank Sinatra, Julio Iglesias, Billy Idol, Merle Haggard, Darla Z, The Bangles, Crosby Stills and Nash, The Firm, The Beastie Boys, Cutting Crew, Run DMC, LL Cool J and comedians Bill Cosby, Red Buttons and Rosanne Barr.

"Joe is exactly what you want in a boxer, sealed from his martial arts background, tough, and a burning desire to succeed. We are familiar with Joe's outstanding accomplishments in MMA and his being a two time Oklahoma State Toughman Champion. In a personal interview we had with Joe, his integrity and obvious work ethic came through," Zudhi said. "catBox Entertainment is very happy to have Joe join our roster of exceptional fighters and fight fans will see Joe achieve a lot and the sky is the limit for Joe in the world of boxing.

Zudhi said what they look for in a boxer is, "first and foremost we look for integrity of character, then heart, work ethic, skill, natural gifts and discipline. A boxer can be gifted in punching and speed, but if he doesn't have heart, the boxer won't go very far."

And heart is what Blurton portrays when he speaks of boxing. Blurton said, "I just can't stay away from it … I love it."

Currently Blurton works as a security officer with Lucky Star Casino, as a bouncer at a local dance hall called Cowboys in Oklahoma City and when he isn't working at either of those jobs, Blurton coaches striking at Conquest Martial Arts in Yukon, Okla., and trains Jujutsu under Chase and Steve Iraggi.

"I just want to thank God, my mom, dad, grandparents … Steve and Chase Iraggi, but I especially want to thank Bill and Noah Zuhdi for giving me this opportunity," Blurton said. "I have told myself I am going to fight until my body won't let me anymore or until it shuts down … it's my passion and all I want to do."

Blurton is scheduled to participate in the Grappler's Quest tournament, one of the biggest tournaments in the world, Nov. 14-19, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"It's going to be a good experience for me and give me some good exposure," Blurton said.

Blurton is a 2007 graduate of El Reno High School. His parents are Sherry Maldonado and Jerry Blurton. His maternal grandparents are Ruth and Walter Maldonado and his paternal grandparents are Jerry Blurton and Amy Booth.

Submitted photo

Joe Blurton wears the 2012, Cage Victory Championship Belt.

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